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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The greatest interest is manifested at the state department in the news which has just come from Colombia that President Marroquin may seek to ratify the Panama canal treaty with the help of his ministers and without waiting for the action of congress. As such action would be a wide deviation from the American conception of a president's powers, the constitution of Colombia is being carefully studied in order to ascertain, if possible, on what ground the President of Colombia assumes to have this power. It is known that public order has not been restored in the republic of Colombia and that every material consideration would indicate the advisability of the ratification of the treaty but considerable doubt is expressed as to whether this country would be warranted in accepting a treaty ratified by an unusual procedure. Admiral Walker and other members of the commission have already engaged in looking over the ground and inspecting the work performed on the Culebra cut.

The wholesale investigation into the affairs of the postoffice department still continue, and in the opinion of the postmaster general will occupy another two months before they are completed. Since General Payne returned to Washington there has been a considerable decrease in the news obtainable by the newspapers and when your correspondent asked the postoffice general if he could not arrange to give out a few items daily, Mr. Payne replied in a comical, "Would you have me bell the cat?" Mr. Payne is most courteous to the newspapermen and receives them daily at 4 p. m. He appears to have become accustomed to the cross questioning to which the twenty or thirty correspondents submit him and seems to enjoy what he calls his "press receptions." It is evident that, regardless of irregularities and such casualness as may have been practiced in the past, there will be a general reorganization of the system. The postmaster general is authority for the statement that when this is completed it will be impossible for one official to make allowance and then pass upon the expenditures therefor and sign the vouchers. As no general reorganization has taken place since Mr. Wanamaker was postmaster general and the gross receipts in the interval have increased from \$56,000,000 to \$140,000,000 annually, the necessity for an overhauling is but natural.

The Northern Securities decision continues to occupy the attention of financiers and of the legal light in Washington and several New York attorneys have come to Washington to ascertain if there was no means by which relief could be obtained from the decree of the court of appeals. The attorney general very wisely left town soon after the decision was announced and his exact whereabouts is not known. It was rumored that he had gone west to consult the president but that has been denied and it is now believed his western trip is in connection with the beef trust. Meanwhile, the capitalists of the east are crying out against the Sherman anti-trust law, which they formerly regarded with scorn, and their newspaper organs are loudly demanding its repeal or at least its amendment so that its provisions shall not apply retroactively. Interstate Commerce Commission will meet in New York on Tuesday to investigate the allegations that a coal trust exists and that the railroads are violating the anti-trust law in their operation of the coal mines. It is believed here that attorney general is responsible for the present energy of the commission and that their investigations may be followed by legal proceedings against the "coal roads."

The members of the Financial Commission, which is charged with the duty of meeting representatives of foreign powers and adjusting the value of silver to gold, have had a conference in Washington and have consulted Secretaries Hay, Root and Shaw. The members of the commission will visit London, Paris, Berlin, Saint Petersburg, Peking and the City of Mexico to confer with the officials of foreign governments with a view to affecting an international agreement, if possible, for the maintenance of silver at a ratio, yet to be determined but presumably in the neighborhood of 33 to 1. The commission is confidently

believe that the joint interests of nations having silver using colonies will prove sufficient to enable them to accomplish this important work.

Of the North Atlantic fleet of seven battleships, which, at the conclusion of the winter maneuvers, was pronounced the most efficient squadron that ever sailed under the flag of the United States, two are badly disabled as a result of target practice and this result is the occasion of the gravest anxiety on the part of naval officials. The gun which exploded on the Iowa had been fired but 137 times and yet it would appear from the reports thus far received that it was worn out. If the life of the great gun is to be as short as that it means a fearful expense in their maintenance and it means too that many of the guns now in use are unsafe and a menace to the men behind them. If all the guns which have been fired that number of times must be replaced it will present a most difficult problem as the capacity of the government gun factories is now overtaxed, all are working three shifts of men and even at that, it is feared that the armament for the vessel now under construction cannot be completed in time. The wrenching of the Maine by the explosion of her big guns also raises serious apprehension and it is probable a thorough investigation and overhauling will be ordered when the president returns to Washington.

The imports into the United States exceeded \$1,000,000,000 in the year ending with March 1903. This is the first time in the history of our foreign commerce that they have exceeded that amount. Prior to 1870 they never reached one half billion dollars in a single year and it was not until 1890 that they reached \$750,000,000. Meanwhile, exports have grown with equal or greater rapidity. In the twelve months ending with March last they amounted to \$1,414,786,954 giving an excess of exports over imports of practically \$414,000,000. It was not until 1892 that the exports of the United States exceeded \$1,000,000,000 so that the rapidity of increase is most apparent. It is estimated by the treasury officials that should the exports for April, May and June average as high as those for March the total exports for the fiscal year, which will close with the end of June will amount to over \$1,500,000,000.

Everett and Surroundings
Joseph A. Buckley, who left Delaware township a few years since to make his home in Washington, where his sons were located, is pleased with his surroundings and prospects. He sends a pamphlet issued by the Everett Chamber of Commerce which gives the industries and surroundings of that thriving city.

An estimate made by a chief of the forestry division of the United States Department of Agriculture is that there are nearly 100 billion feet of lumber now standing in the state, an almost inconceivable quantity. The fishing interests of Puget Sound employ 8,000 men and altho but recently developed the value of the salmon pack up to January 1902, was seventy-five million dollars and five million dollars worth of halibut were sent east in that period. Four pound trout are common in the streams and it is said "the peculiarity about your trout fishing is that the fish bite."

The state would seem a veritable paradise for both large and small game. As indicating the growth of Everett a city with no inhabitants in 1890 and in 1899 about 7,000 and which had in 1902 over 30,000, from no bank deposits in 1890 it shows in 1902 over two million dollars. The buildings are large and handsome churches and school houses among the forest and apparently a high tide of progress and prosperity is flowing in that section.

A Great Sensation
There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis and grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c, and \$1. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. Milo Gibbons has removed to Matamoras.

E. F. Peters of Bushkill visited town the first of the week.

Dr. C. S. Custis was up at Honesdale this week on a business trip.

Dr. W. B. Kenworthy was in Honesdale a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Jervis Gordon of Port Jervis was a guest with friends in town this week.

Mrs. H. E. Kipp of Wilsonville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Gumbel.

James W. Pinchot and Edward A. Mead of New York were here a few days recently.

W. J. Coon, superintendent of the Blooming Grove Park Association, was in town Tuesday.

Master Governor Emerson has been visiting with young friends in New York for several days.

Charles Nobs of Newark spent a few days recently at his summer home in Dingman township.

Mrs. M. Ott, who has passed the winter with friends in Germany, returned to her farm in Delaware this week.

Rev. W. R. Neff of Jersey city, formerly a pastor of the M. E. church here, visited in town this week.

Miss Deborah Kleinstuber of Dingman township and H. F. Fisher of Brooklyn, N. Y., were married in Lafayette Hall April 8th.

A marriage license has been issued to Miss Edith Davis Nye of Bushkill, Pa., and Joseph David Rohmer of St. Augustine, St. John, Fla.

Henry Kirk, of Middletown, formerly residing here, and William J. Burke, Esq., of the same city, were guests at the Crissman House for a few days recently.

Miss Mary Madden, formerly of Lord's Valley, but latterly residing at Hawley, a teacher in the county, was married April 15th to P. F. Gibbons of Scranton.

The wedding of Miss Elsie Gould of Bayonne, N. J., and Dr. Harry Wells Ryman, a grandson of H. B. Wells of this place, will occur Tuesday, May 5th, in the First M. E. church of Bayonne.

Louis de Berlie went to Paterson Tuesday to bring up a locomobile for 'Equire Canne, but found the roads so rough that after coming to Tuxedo the trip was abandoned. The machine will be here this week, however, and then justice will probably not move with leaden feet, but will speed like a Pegasus.

'Iphigenia Among the Taurians'

The above entitled Greek drama by Euripides will be brought out in the original language next week by the undergraduates of the Greek Department of the University of Pennsylvania. This will be the first time it has been produced in America. Preparations have been in progress for more than a year for the unique production of this play which was last given by the students at Oxford, England, twenty-three years ago. The Harvard students produced the "Oedipus Tyrannus" about three years later and it was impossible to make room for the crowds wishing to attend.

The casts of Iphigenia consists of seven characters besides whom there is a chorus of fifteen representing Greek captive maidens. There are also many silent characters. The costumes, music, dances and general business of the play has entailed vast labor and study and it is predicted that the production next week will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in this country.

Schwartz is Nonsuited

Hon. R. F. Schwartz of Monroe county, who brought an action for \$10,000 damages against the D. L. & W. R. R. company for the loss of his son, who was killed some time ago by an engine on that road, at the Tinkerstown crossing, while on his way to market with a load of produce, was nonsuited last week. It was granted because the evidence showed that twenty feet from the crossing there is a clear view of the track for 400 feet. This in the opinion of the court constituted contributory negligence.

WANTED—YOUNG MEN to prepare for Government Positions. Fine Openings in all Departments. Good Salaries. Regular Promotions. Examinations soon. For particulars from 744-48.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

MRS. VAN INWEGEN DEAD

Passes Away at Her Home in Port Jervis Wednesday Morning

At the Age of 89 Years

Mrs. Elizabeth Maria Bull, widow of the late Eli Van Inwegen, died at her home on Cole street, Port Jervis, Wednesday morning of general debility.

She was born in Westfall township, this county, June 13, 1813, and was the daughter of Crissis and Catharine (Rosenkrans) Bull. Her ancestors came from England and first settled at Hamptonburg in Orange county, December 20, 1841, she married Eli Van Inwegen of Port Jervis, who died May 17, 1897, July 7, 1844, she united with the Dutch Reformed church of Port Jervis and was the oldest member, both in point of years and connection. She was deeply interested in its affairs, was a faithful attendant and generous contributor to its support and several charities.

She is survived by one son, Charles F., president of the First National Bank of Port Jervis, and one brother, the venerable Rosenkrans C. Bull, of this place.

The funeral will occur tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon.

Fire at Dingman's

Early last Tuesday morning fire was discovered by Mrs. Darragh in the store house of G. B. Van Anken, located almost opposite her home, at Dingmans, and she aroused her sons, George and Edward, who with pails of water attempted to subdue the flames, but ineffectually. The fire apparently started outside the building just where a new addition had been made to the main room. Inside was a kerosene tank which the flames soon reached and rendered futile any attempt to save the goods. Only a few bags of feed were gotten out. It is a mystery how the fire originated. Mr. Van Anken carried \$1,000 insurance on the building and an equal amount on the stock, but his loss above insurance will probably reach \$2500.

By prudence, care and good business methods he had built up a large trade and had a well furnished store. His loss will be severely felt, not only by himself, but by his many customers, and he has the general sympathy of the community in his misfortune.

Pastor is Enjoying Himself

Rev. and Mrs. Wood write that they had a pleasant trip to Oberlin, a delightful time at the wedding anniversary and are enjoying a refreshing rest after the recent excitement of moving. Mr. Wood preached Sunday evening at the Oberlin M. E. church to a large and attentive congregation. It was in this church that Mrs. Wood allied herself with the cause of Christ and spent a number of years of active service. Many friends greeted her most cordially and more invitations to call were pressed upon her than she can possibly accept. A visit to her sister in Geneva is contemplated as part of this and next week's program but Mr. Wood will return to Milford on Saturday to attend to his new duties at this place. Mrs. Wood expects to return about three weeks later.

Sultan Wants Wild Animals

Dr. Douglas Brown of New York, who is spending a few days at Hotel Schanno, and who represents Hon. James W. S. Langerman, vice consul to Morocco, who is also a commissioner to the St. Louis exposition from Morocco, is desirous of communicating with any who have, or can obtain, wild animals, birds or reptiles. They are desired for the Sultan of Morocco and will be shipped to that country in a ship with a special attendant. Any one who may desire to engage in the capture of such birds or animals or who may have specimens with which they are willing to part may address Dr. Brown at Hotel Schanno.

Arm Squashed

Saul D. Emery of Port Jervis was seriously injured Monday by having his arm caught between the bumpers of freight cars while attempting to make a coupling. The right arm was badly injured and it is not improbable that it will be necessary to amputate it. The accident occurred at Howells. The unfortunate man is a son of our townsman, Nathan Emery, Jr.

Real Estate Transfers

Peter Felter to William Buchler, 60 acres, Palmyra, \$1200.

Nettie A. B. Wells to Levi Shaw, Timothy D. Hagrow, Ira H. Lawson and Lewis Beating, trustees, lot on Big Pond, Palmyra, named Minner-waves, Indian for running waters, \$1.

The Bernard Healy Company to Ward Brewer, land in Shohola.

William Coatsman to Sarah E. Coatsman, 100 acres, Lehman, Bondswee Howey tract, \$50.

Levi Shaw and others, trustees, to Mary E. Kipp, lot on Big Pond, Palmyra, \$1.

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INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Revoyre is improving her premises on Broad street by the addition of a porch.

The democratic state convention will be held at Harrisburg Wednesday, September 23.

Dr. Samuel L. Foulke, a prominent druggist of Stroudsburg, died last Friday of cancer of the liver.

Some farmers up in Wayne county who failed to sell their apples during the winter have just had them made into cider.

A committee on permanent certificates will hold an examination at the old academy in Milford on Saturday, May 9th.

J. A. Backley writes from his home at Lowell that "the PIKE COUNTY PRESS is like the face of an old friend in his far western home."

Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, wife of the well known pugilist, died at her Bensonhurst home last Friday morning of pneumonia. Dr. J. B. Lang, who is a frequent visitor in this county, was the family physician.

Monday morning the intermediate department of the Milford schools began occupying the store room on Broad street, just in the rear of the Crissman House, and the grammar department removed to the old academy.

A special meeting of Milford Lodge, No. 344, F. & A. M., will be held tomorrow, Saturday, evening, D. D. G. M. Hausler of Honesdale with several brethren from that place and Hawley are expected to pay a fraternal visit.

The death rate of the globe is estimated at 68 a minute, 97,920 a day, or 35,740,800 a year. The birth rate is 70 a minute, 100,800 a day, or 36,792,000 a year, reckoning the year to be 365 days in length.

Rhododendron plants are being shipped in large numbers from Monroe county to Boston. During the past year over 100 carloads have been sent from Cresco station. Wayne is also contributing many car loads to Tuxedo and other points near New York.

The Bible is now widely read in India. At Singapore it is stated the British and Foreign Bible society will sell the scriptures in over seventy-five languages and dialects. The Bible has also been translated into sixty-six of the languages and dialects of Africa.

The annual dinner of Blooming Grove Park Association took place at Delmonico's Tuesday evening, April 14. President N. S. Smith and a number of distinguished gentlemen were present. A check of \$250 was presented Otto Keuling, head game keeper, who has served the park well and faithfully for 25 years.

There was a large gathering of state editors at Harrisburg Tuesday at the hearing before the governor on the Salus-Grady libel bill. The speeches against were made by Hon. Charles Emory Smith, editor of the Philadelphia Press, and Hon. Thomas V. Cooper, editor of the Media American. Alexander Simpson and Richard C. Dale, Esqrs., of Philadelphia, spoke in his favor.

A small quantity of powder in the store of George B. Van Anken, which was burned Tuesday morning, exploded when the building was nearly burned down and scattered the debris generally and also broke many panes of glass in the Darragh house across the road. The house was saved from destruction only by most strenuous efforts of a bucket brigade.

The school board met Tuesday evening and having received but one bid for the erection of the new building, postponed the time for receiving bids for ten days. A notice of which appears elsewhere. At the meeting held last Saturday evening the resignation of Hon. B. E. Brown was tendered and accepted, and Tuesday evening County Treasurer G. A. Swenepser was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Alfalfa seeds rather uncertainly; the second crop is usually better than the first for seed production. For seed it should be cut when the seed pods turn dark, and should be handled in the same way as clover for seed. The yield is from two to four bushels per acre.

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A VALUABLE FORAGE PLANT

A History of Alfalfa and Instructions Regarding its Culture and Preparation as Hay

Alfalfa, or lucern, medicago sativa, is a native of western Asia; it was early introduced into southern Europe, and later was taken to South America, whence it found its way into Mexico and then to California and other Western States. In the region south and west of the Missouri river it found congenial conditions, and has proved of immense value to farmers throughout that country.

Alfalfa belongs to the same family as clover, peas and beans—the logan family. The young plant at first has a single stem, but as this is cut off or grows old it branches and forms a crown with many stems. The plant has a strong tap root, with small lateral roots as feeders. This tap root goes deeply into the soil, and finds moisture even when far below the surface. On the roots are found tubercles or small nodules, similar to those found on red clover roots, and by means of these tubercles, which are induced by bacteria, the plant is enabled to gather and use as plant food free nitrogen of the air, so that in common with red clover and other members of this family it not only has the power of storing up within itself large quantities of that valuable nitrogenous material, proteins, but by the accumulation of roots it leaves the soil richer in this element than it was before producing the crop. Professor Davenport, when speaking of the members of this important family, says: "They not only work for nothing and board themselves, but they pay for the privilege." These plants are the only ones of any agricultural importance that can use the atmospheric nitrogen, and they can do it only with the aid of certain bacteria.

The young alfalfa plant is rather delicate and a weak feeder; consequently the seed bed must be carefully prepared, with a good supply of plant food readily available. The ground should be ploughed rather deeply and the surface brought into a fine condition, as in the sowing of clover or other small seeds. From ten to fifteen pounds should be sown per acre, preferably without a nurse crop, and as early as possible in the spring without danger of frost, which may kill the young plants. As soon as the first blossoms appear, or whenever the plant shows signs of losing thriftiness, it should be mowed, as this stimulates stronger growth. It can usually be cut three times during the season, and after it has become well established it will yield from three to five tons of cured hay an acre.

Alfalfa seems to do best on sandy loam soils that have a good supply of plant food and are well drained, though it has been known to have grown in a heavy clay soil. It will do well on any soil that will produce wheat or corn. The field designed for alfalfa should be selected with the view of leaving it for several years. The plant seems to reach its prime in four years, and can as a rule be left in a field profitably for seven or eight years. No difficulty is experienced in getting alfalfa out of a field if it is ploughed in mid-summer and kept well cultivated.

Alfalfa for hay should be cut when one-third of the blossoms have appeared, because at this stage it makes the best quality of forage. It should be raked up into windrows when somewhat wilted, and never allowed to dry out before being raked, because then it does not cure so well, and most of the leaves are broken off in handling. It should be handled so as to preserve all the leaves, since they are the most valuable part of the plant. In a dry season it can some times be placed in the barn or stacked the day after cutting, but it will usually be a better plan to allow the hay to stand in cocks a few days.

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THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Fred Redecker, one of Port Jervis' leading butchers, was a caller in town Sunday.

Frank Selts has purchased another horse and a road wagon. Next!

Everything is not gold that glitters. Neither are all scolded bayseeds fools. Some city chaps can paste that in their hats.

Some will persist in riding wheels on the sidewalks until something drops.

Rumor has it that Dr. de Plasse of New York will open an office in Port Jervis.

Peter Rutan was down from Port Jervis last Sunday showing a sample of the autos he sells.

Ed Crissman of New York is a visitor in town.

Great cry cry, but few and small are the trout caught.

Last Sunday our streets were very lively. Horse flesh was in great demand and the roads were fine.

The messels have about run their course over in Montague and nobody is sorry.

So the Brick House is going to have another store. Biz must be brisk over there to support three.

Pike county rattlesnake medicine has not lost its power yet. The effects of it are seen now and then.

Mrs. A. Revoyre spent several days in the city lately.

When a young man starts to see his girl and his wheel breaks down both times at nearly the same place two miles from home, what should he do?

Mrs. Geo. McCarty of Montague was a visitor over here Sunday.

J. A. Watts, wife and daughter spent the forepart of this week in the city.

Al Dingman has made a decided improvement in his store room by enlarging it.

A delegation from Vandermark Lodge, I. O. O. F., went to Lackawanna Wednesday evening on a fraternal visit.

Mrs. Whitney and son Frank have returned to town and are stopping at the Centre Square Hotel. Franks' health is improving some which is gratifying to his many friends.

Candidates for office are around already seeing the boys. As it is some time before election the office seeker may become tired.

THE PRESENT
Softly the breezes play,
Sweetly the stream
Flows on its silvery way,
Whirl'ere I dream.

The past and the present!
The old and the new.
All center 'round my gaze
Brightly in view.

Why sigh for the past?
'Tis the future we live.
The future a phantom,
What will it give.

Hope, happiness, health
Ah, I trust so indeed.
As El Dorado of wealth
The world seems to need.

The gay and the joyous,
The brave and the fair,
To a future all luscious,
Look forth without care.

The past is a ghost
That reflects to our gaze,
The things we would blot
From memory's rays.

Then live in the present
By far that is best.
Forget past and future,
O yes let them rest.

The present holds pleasures
Which neither can give
Be content if you can
In the present to live.

Unclaimed Letters.
Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending April 25, 1903:

Miss Gittrud Armstrong, John E. Robinson.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATIMORE, P. M.

Rebbed the Crow
A startling incident, is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at all drug stores.